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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 1/25/96 has been entered.

The numbering of claims is not accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.126. The original numbering of the claims must be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When claims are added, except when presented in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), they must be renumbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claim 51 been renumbered as claim 64.

- 2. The references lined through on the enclosed Form 1449 already of record on the Form 892 attached to Paper No. 7.
- 3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 11, 18, 26 and 47-50 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112.

Claims 3, 5, 9 and 12 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 64 is allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Stephen Walsh whose telephone number is (703) 308-2957. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Garnette D. Draper, can be reached on (703) 308-4232.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1800 in Crystal Mall 1 by facsimile transmission, in conformity with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The FAX phone number for Art Unit 1812 is (703) 308-0294.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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